

Love transcends through a daughter's search

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

A young girl slowly walks through a cemetery stopping at each and every gravesite. She seems oblivious to the scorching Oklahoma sun beating down upon her.

For 10 year-old Samantha (Sammy) Anderson, finding the final resting place of her mother is the only thing that matters.

Almira Jane Anderson (Indian name, Old Camp), Cheyenne and Arapaho, passed away on Aug. 7, 2009 at Integris Hospital in Yukon, Okla. She was buried at the Yukon Cemetery.

Sammy was 8 years old at the time of her death.

"I asked my friend to ride with me to the cemetery to help me find my mom's gravesite, you know, umm, her monument," Sammy said. "It was about three or four miles and it was hot ... we didn't find it that time."

Sammy said she went to her father, Mark Schlecht, and asked him if he knew where in the cemetery her mom was buried.

"When I asked my dad he said we could go together and look for it," Sammy said.

Schlect and Sammy were given a ride to the cemetery by their friend, Judy Chancellor two days later.

"I drove Sammy and her dad to the cemetery and it was like looking for a needle in a hay stack," Chancellor said. "We saw a man who worked there and Mark got a map from him and we were able to find Almira's gravesite ... but when we found the spot there wasn't any head stone or monument or anything."

Chancellor said Sammy was crushed and wanted to know why there wasn't anything there, "it was so sad to see her face."

"I was so disappointed there was nothing there ... nothing ... it just made me really sad," Sammy said. Upon returning home, Chancellor contacted a friend to share the sad story of what she had just witnessed.

"My heart just sank for both Mark and Sammy when they saw there wasn't a head stone or a monument ... I just wanted to help out in some way," Chancellor said. "The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' said they could cover \$500 to the monument company and that was such a big help ... but we needed help with the rest."

The help came. A private, anonymous do-

nor (the friend of Chancellor who heard the story) donated funds to cover the remaining costs of having a head stone placed on Almira's grave.

"I was so happy ... I just want my mom to have a head stone ... something there to let people know she was loved," Sammy said.

Sammy said she studied other head stones and came up with the design for her mother's monument.

"It is a rose in the center with two feathers on either side and it has my name and all my brothers and sisters names on it too ... though I don't see them I wanted their names on the monument because she is their mother too," Sammy said.

Sammy delivered her sketch to Arnold's Monument Company in El Reno, Okla. and Bob Arnold, owner said, "It won't be long ... once all the money matters are out of the way it will take six to 12 weeks to get the monument completed and set."

Chancellor said Sammy "has been like a breath of fresh air for me."

Sammy attends Yukon Public Schools where she has attained honor roll status and maintains straight A's. She has three siblings, Cheyenne, Shane and Steven and is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Schlect and Almira were married ten years before her death in 2009.

"I thank the God of the Universe that Ms. Anderson will soon have a head stone like everyone else in the cemetery and it will be there for Sammy to proudly visit her mother's grave the rest of her life," Chancellor said. "I also know this could never have happened without the help of the



Mark Schlecht and his daughter, Samantha Anderson stand at the unmarked grave of Samantha's mother, Almira Jean Anderson (Old Camp) in Yukon, Okla.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes and the private donor and I want to thank both of them ... she (Almira) would be very proud of her 10 year old daughter, Samantha."

Community meetings held to give information updates

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

The first of nine community meetings scheduled for the month of August was held Aug. 8 at the First Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City.

"The first item on my agenda is to let you know about the school clothing program deadline dates and the deadline dates for turning in your school clothing receipts," Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov., Janice Boswell said. "I have asked each tribal program to have a representative here to give you information on their services, what's available to you and how to go about the application process for a lot of our programs."

Topics included per capita payments;



Photo by Rosemary Stephens
Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Janice Boswell give updates to tribal members during the first series of community meetings.

school clothing program applications and deadlines, updates on casino entities, program services, enrollment payments;

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WIA summer program provides experience, responsibility for Native youth

By Rebecca Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) gives Native youth an opportunity to gain experience in a field of their choosing, while teaching them the value of building good work ethics.

"The summer youth program introduces them to the workforce," Jennifer Tisdale, WIA program, acting director said. "Plus it puts a little money in their pockets."

The summer work program is a six-week program that allows all Native students, who are members of a Federally recognized tribe, ages 14-21, to obtain a job at various worksites within the eight service areas of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' WIA program.

"The students will earn a hourly wage of \$7.25 per hour and work 30 hours per

work week," Tisdale said. "The summer jobs are to train those less experienced or even experienced."

Tisdale discussed the impact WIA has had on its participants, serving as motivation to seek employment and maintain jobs.

She said, "The program really improves their self-esteem. We will be teaching them, basically, what it is like to hold a full time job."

Tisdale stated without the WIA program the youth would not get the experience they need to go into the job market with some marketable backgrounds.

Cheyenne and Arapaho, Dawn Little Elk, 17, from El Reno, Okla., wants to be a fashion designer.

"The experience I feel will help me



Photo by Rebecca Lyman
Dawn Little Elk, 17, is one of WIA's summer youth workers.

... will benefit me later on in my career trying to have my own business," Little Elk said.

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The Concho, Okla. post office is one of 100 post offices being studied for possible closure in January 2012.

Post offices being studied for possible closings in rural areas of Oklahoma

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Concho, Okla.-One hundred rural post offices, classified as “low activity sites”, throughout Oklahoma are being studied for a possible closing in January 2012. The 100 Oklahoma postal sites are part of a 3,700 post office study nationwide.

“The postal service has begun reviewing some of its brick and mortar post offices, stations and branches, under a centralized initiative. This review is necessary in order for the postal service to match today’s activity and usage, as well as mail volume, workload and customer access to postal retail outlets,” Dionne Montague, US Postal Service representative said.

Of the Oklahoma post offices being studied, 43 are in the district of Rep. Frank Lucas, R-Cheyenne, and 33 are in the district of Rep. Dan Boren, D-Muskogee.

The Martin Luther King Jr.Post Office at 1930 NE 24 in Oklahoma City, which already has been targeted, is on the list as well as Concho and Colony, Okla. post office locations.

“The postal service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operation,” Montague said. “The postal service is in a dire financial situation ... in the past five years mail volume has declined by 43.1 billion pieces of mail, customer visits have declined by 200 million and retail transactions have declined by \$2 billion.”

Final decisions are four to five months away as the postal service takes comments from the community and evaluates how residents could still have access to services, officials said at a news conference. Post office closures could begin in January 2012.

Officials hope to see 2,500 “Village Post Offices” spring up across the country, though they don’t expect one in every community that loses a post office.

“We hope by opening up, what we call Village Post Offices at alternate locations such as grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, Office Depot, the US Postal Service will save over \$200 million a year,” Montague said. “By consolidating operations, expanding access to postal products and services and creating community options, the postal service is adapting to meet the evolving needs of its customers during changing times.”

Community meetings will be held in locations where studies are being conducted to give customers the opportunity to offer their input prior to a final decision and the postal service will make every possible attempt to minimize the impact for customers of changes to post office locations, Montague said.

For more information on the post office closing log onto www.usps.com.

Twilight star makes impression in C&A country

By Rebecka Lyman, Reporter/Ad Sales

Native American actor Kiowa Gordon makes a big “growling” appearance.

Gordon, who plays Embry Call, one of the wolf pack members in two of the *Twilight* saga films *New Moon* and *Eclipse* visits Cheyenne and Arapaho country for the annual Summerfest and Oklahoma Indian Nations (OIN) powwow.

On Saturday Aug. 6, 2011, the extreme heat did not detour the actor’s fans from standing in line to get a photo and a quick greeting.

“It is good to be here,” Gordon said.

The special guest signed Twilight memorabilia items such as lunch boxes, movies, t-shirts and backpacks.

“There is a lot of hope for our tribal youth having such a positive role model appear,” Dara Franklin, OIN committee chairperson said. “Seeing the kids so excited made me feel really good.”

Gordon is the seventh of eight children and is a member of the Hualapai tribe of Northern Arizona. He was

born in Berlin, Germany where his family moved back to the United States when he was two years old.

In 2009 Gordon landed the roll of the shape shifter wolf in *New Moon*.

“I was asked to audition for the movie and I landed the part as Embry,” said Gordon. “To this point I owe my entire career to *Twilight* and I’m very grateful.”

Gordon said his mother Camille Nighthorse is responsible for his cultural upbringing.

“I love being able to honor my roots and my heritage,” Gordon said.

Gordon attended the Saturday evening OIN powwow and participated in the grand entry.

“I look forward to the traditional music, dance and entertainment,” Gordon said smiling.

Gordon spoke about upcoming films he will be appearing in such as *Into the Darkness* and *Murder for Dummies*.

“Both movies are in pre-production stages at this



Photo by Rebecka Lyman

Kiowa Gordon signs autographs and visits with tribal member Misselda Miller during his recent visit to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program’s annual summerfest.

time,” Gordon said “Hopefully my new fans will follow me along in whatever I do.”

Gordon said he would be portraying Embry Call in the upcoming *Twilight* saga, *Breaking Dawn*.

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MMA fighters accept invitation

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief



Above left-Will Hamilton in San Felipe, N.M. Above right-Aaron Sleeper and bottom right-Sleeper and Francis Hamilton display the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' banner.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members, Will Hamilton and Aaron Sleeper, will once again step into the ring. Sleeper and Hamilton fought June 25, 2011 at the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) Championship tournament in San Felipe, N.M. Following the tournament both Sleeper and Hamilton were invited to fight at the Inaugural Crow vs. Sioux MMA Dual tournament to be held on Aug. 20, 2011 at the Crow Agency in Montana.

The American Indian MMA Championships and Phat Boyz Cage Productions sponsor the dual. Hamilton is the son of Francis and Lydia Hamilton and attends the Sipi University in New Mexico. Francis also trains both Hamilton and Sleeper. Sleeper is the son of Pamela Sleeper and Rodney Candy Fire. For more information email valcopr@gmail.com or call (505) 917-9509.



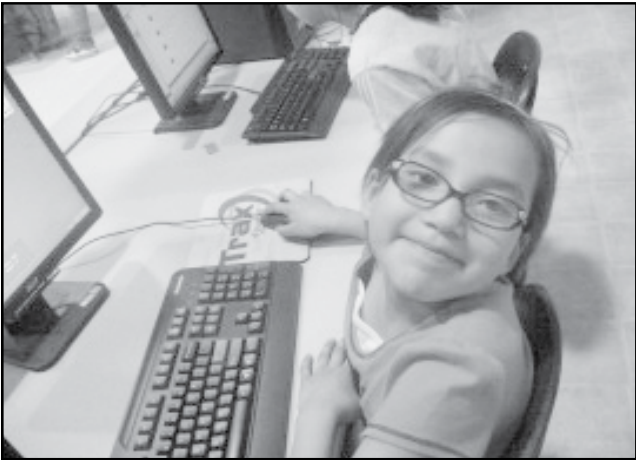
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Promise Neighborhoods Program underway on Northern Cheyenne Nation

Courtesy of Indian Country Today Media Network

In 2010, the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation (BGCNCN) was the only tribal entity to receive a portion of a \$10 million Promise Neighborhood planning grant, now the Obama administration has tripled funding for the program—modeled after the Harlem Children’s Zone started in the early 1990s—to \$30 million. “The Harlem Children’s Zone figured out that good schools alone won’t do it; in order for children to get a good education, succeed, and want to come back and contribute to their communities, families have to be strong and supported,” Michael McAfee, director of the Promise Neighborhoods Institute at PolicyLink, told Indian Country Today Media Network. His organization works with communities to build Promise Neighborhoods. One of those communities the institute is working with is the BGCNCN, which is currently in the planning and analysis stages of starting a Promise Neighborhood that will cover the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and the bordering towns of Colstrip and Ashland, Montana. Community meetings have uncovered a number of things residents feel are needed to make its Promise Neighborhood successful.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation was the only tribal entity to receive a portion of a \$10 million Promise Neighborhood planning grant. The organization is currently in the planning stages of starting a Promise Neighborhood. “One is having more after school activities available for youth, basically extending the hours in the day to still be engaging in something positive,” Marissa Spang, Promise Neighborhoods project director for BGCNCN, told ICTMN. She mentioned things like tutoring, internships, and life skills and critical thinking classes all in an effort to get students “prepared for life beyond high school.” Spang said people also want their children to have access to native language classes and be able to speak their language. “What we really have is a desire to improve outcomes for our children and a willingness to do whatever it takes to make sure that they are successful,” she said. And because Frank Farrow, director of the Center for the Study of Social Policy, called Promise Neighborhoods “innovative and data-driven,” Spang and the BGCNCN is taking data collection and long-term buy-in seriously. “This is a long-term shift to how we approach and how we implement services for youth, not a short-term quick fix,” she said. “It requires a long-term buy-in in order for outcomes to change and improve.”



Courtesy photo

The Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Cheyenne Nation was the only tribal entity to receive a portion of a \$10 million Promise Neighborhood planning grant.

BGCNCN is working with five area schools, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Northern Cheyenne Agency, the Indian Health Service-Northern Cheyenne Service Unit, two nonprofits—Native Action and Hopa Mountain—and two private foundations—First Interstate Bank and O.P. & W.E. Edwards Foundation—to design a successful program. “The club is fortunate to have staff on the project who are powerfully-minded, educated young people who graduated from college and are now working in our community to improve outcomes for other young people,” said Geri Small, BGCNCN chief professional officer. “As a former tribal leader, I can say that Promise Neighborhoods is supporting local efforts to build upon the priority of our tribe to improve educational, health and cultural outcomes for our children. There has been a strong commitment from our partners and our Northern Cheyenne tribal leadership to see this project through.” McAfee said the Promise Neighborhoods model can work in any community. “What it takes is community participation, and strong leadership, and tribal communities have that in abundance,” he said. Angela Glover Blackwell, PolicyLink founder and CEO called the Promise Neighborhood grants a “wonderful investment in America,” in a Huffington Post column. “This renewed commitment from Congress is exactly what we need in order to lift children out of poverty so that they can learn, grow, succeed and come back to help the next generation thrive,” she said in the column.

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, television station CATV-47 transmitters’s concrete shelter is complete.

The communities that will be served by the first tribally owned station in Oklahoma will be Anadarko, Chickasha, Crescent, Concho, Edmond, El Reno, Guthrie, Hennessey, Mustang, Oklahoma City and Weatherford.

R-Curtis Smith gets the new distance learning conference room set up.



L-Teresa Dorsett, Department of Education executive director organizes her new office.



R-Bryan Sykes, Vocational Rehabilitation director is ready to serve tribal members in his new office.



Photos by Rebecka Lyman

On Monday July 25, 2011 the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Education Department began relocating from their offices located in El Reno, Okla. to their new headquarters located at the Tribal Complex in Concho, Okla.

The new education offices are in the old school building next to the Community Center.

WIA summer program

Little Elk has worked in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Elder Care program in Concho, Okla. for the summer.

“I didn’t know it was going to be this easy,” Little Elk said. “I almost know everyone’s job duties except for the program director’s.”

Little Elk said she worked in Custer’s Last Stand before she signed up for the summer youth program.

“I am really glad I did,” Little Elk said. “I have learned how to file, data entry and I have helped the elders with the vouchers and paperwork that they need.”

Little Elk said she will be attending the El Reno Academy for her senior year and she is looking forward to completing high school, going to college and taking a business course.

Eva Olguin, Cheyenne and Arapaho Elder Care customer care specialist said Little Elk has blended in really well.

“She has been an extreme help, I feel comfortable leaving her here in my place,” Olguin said. “She knows what to do, she is very helpful with everything.”

Olguin said they will miss her and don’t know how

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ment audit and progress with pending projects.

“The per cap payments will be released on Aug. 15 and each tribal member will receive \$ 4 5 1 . There are over 1 2 , 4 5 1 tribal members and, also, for the first time over 3,000 minor children will have a per cap payment deposited into a trust fund,” Boswell said.

A handout breaking

down the 20 percent per cap allocation for the year was distributed to tribal members, along with handouts regarding casino employee statistics, events and job opportunities available.

O t h e r community meetings were held in Hammon, Elk City and Seiling, Okla.

For more information on program services call (405) 262-0345.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Meal Served at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

Aug. 18-Multi-Purpose Building Watonga, Okla.

Aug. 22-Community Hall Geary, Okla.

Aug. 23-Snider’s Catering Kingfisher, Okla.

Aug. 24-Community Center Concho, Okla.

Aug. 25-Iscani Community Center Anadarko, Okla.

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Dawn Little Elk stays busy working in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Elder Care office as a summer youth worker.

they will get along without her assistance.

For more information about the WIA program contact Tisdale or Lesley Lena, intake specialist at (405) 422-7662.

Pancreatic cancer

Pancreatic cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death. More than 43,000 new diagnoses and 36,800 deaths were attributed to this disease in 2010. The disease is deadly as only 6 percent of pancreatic patients have a five-year survival rate. There is no reliable way to detect pancreatic cancer making this one of the most deadly of diseases and there are very few treatment options. The majority of pancreatic patients die within a year.

Surgical removal of a pancreatic tumor offers the best survival outcome, however only a small percentage of patients are able to have the tumor surgically removed. The pancreas located near the stomach and small intestine is sandwiched between the stomach and the spine. It is nestled in the curve of the small intestine and close to major arteries which complicate surgery. Because of this only a small percent of patients are able to have the surgery.

Some of the symptoms for pancreatic cancer are unexplained weight

loss, jaundice, abdominal or back pain, digestive issues, a change in urine, the sudden onset of diabetes or a change in your stool. If your stool is smelly, light colored and floats, you

Symptoms

Early symptoms of pancreatic cancer include:

Pain or discomfort in the upper part of the belly or abdomen, loss of appetite and weight loss, jaundice (a yellow color in the skin, mucus membranes, or the eyes), dark urine and clay-colored stools, fatigue and weakness, nausea and vomiting.

may want to check with your doctor. Chances are, you may not have any symptoms at all because symptoms usually develop after the disease has progressed. Early detection is rare.

The types of treatment for pancreatic cancer are surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, or combinations of chemo-

therapy and radiation. Chemotherapy is used to try to shrink the tumor, or destroy microscopic cancer cells that may have spread or to relieve pain. Chemotherapy may be given along or in combination with surgery, targeted immunotherapy or targeted therapy. While the standard chemotherapy attacks healthy cells along with the cancer cells, targeted therapy works against the cancer cells and doesn’t do damage to the healthy cells.

If you have been diagnosed with cancer, the oncologists will give little hope of recovery from the cancer. In spite of this prognosis, there are individuals who have been cured from cancer by alternative medicines. A search of the internet provides testimonies and cancer fighting strategies. Tune in to Mary Schrick (Naturopath) on KTLR Radio AM 890 or FM 94.1 every week day morning from 7 a.m.-9a.m. or at 12:05 p.m. every day for alternative therapies. For more information, contact Health Education at (405) 422-7674.



Powwows
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CALENDAR

Clinton Lucky Star Casino tenth anniversary celebration powwow

Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the powwow grounds located next to the Clinton Smoke Shop in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dancing from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Grand entry at 7 p.m. Honor dance for casino employees with ten years of service or more at 7:45 p.m. For more information contact Isaac Rhoads at (580) 323-6599 or Danielle Gling at (580) 331-3836.

Cheyenne and Arapaho American Legion and Ladies Auxillary Post 401 Meeting

Aug. 25, 2011 at the Nutrition Center in Clinton, Okla. Supper served at 6 p.m. Plans for programming for the rest of the summer and the Fall months will be discussed. All men and women veterans are invited to attend.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Clinton Health Fair

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26, 2011 at the R.E.Sp. E.C.T. gym in Clinton, Okla. No cost health screenings, immunizations, dental, vision and hearing screenings.

Clinton Lucky Star Casino tenth anniversary celebration with Big & Rich and Gretchen Wilson

Aug. 26, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino in Clinton, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

The second annual Canton powwow

Aug. 26-28, 2011 at the Canton powwow grounds in Canton, Okla. For more information contact Charlene Lime at (580) 886-2282 or (580) 603-1284.

The Choctaw Nation annual Labor Day Festival and powwow

Sept. 1-5, 2011 at the Choctaw Capitol Grounds in Tuskahoma, Okla. For more information call (580) 924-8280 or visit www.choctawnation.org.

The Colony Labor Day powwow

Sept. 2-5, 2011 at the Colony powwow grounds in Colony Okla. For more information contact Carol Whiteskunk at (405) 422-7571 or (580) 330-1850.

The 18th annual Comanche Nation Fair

Sept. 2-4, 2011 at the Comanche Nation Complex grounds in Lawton, Okla. For more information contact Cathy Flynn at catherinef@cne.com or visit comanchenation.com.

The fourth annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College Commencement

Starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011 at the Colony powwow grounds in Colony, Okla. For more information contact Gail Wilcox at (580) 774-3139.

Stone Temple Pilot Concert

Sept. 17, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

Diana Ross Concert

Sept. 22, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

Loretta Lynn Concert

Sept. 24, 2011 at the Lucky Star Casino Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Concho Health Fair

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26, 2011 at the Community Center in Concho, Okla. No cost health screenings, immunizations, dental, vision and hearing screenings.

The Red Road To Freedom AA Conference

Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2011 at the Bricktown Hotel and Convention Center in Oklahoma City. Registration is \$20. Speakers, marathon meetings, Medicine Wheel, hospitality rooms, bingo and more. For more information or to register call Margaret C. at (405) 680-4806 or Loretta J. at (405) 605-6579.

The Big Foot Fall Festival and Conference

Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2011. Christ Forty Acres located at Hwy. 44 and Indian Highway in Honobia, Okla. Honobia is located in the Kiamichi Mountains. Live music, hand crafted arts, games, 5K run, art show. For more information call the Tahihina Chamber of Commerce (918) 567-3434 or visit www.bigfootmountain.com.

Snoop Dog in Concert

Oct. 26, 2011 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. To order tickets visit www.ticketstorm or by phone at (866) 966-1777.

The second annual Following the Trail-Native American Men and Boys Conference

Oct. 29, 2011 at the Cornerston Indian Baptist Church in Little Axe, Okla. For more information contact Bryce Scott at (405) 912-0044, Darryle Rattler at (405) 650-0707 or Ben Little at (405) 605-9312.

Public Meeting

Canton Head Start Project
Aug. 19, 2011 10 a.m.
Canton Native American Center
206 N. Broadway
Canton, Okla.

A public meeting is scheduled for or 10 a.m., Friday Aug. 19, 2011 at the Canton Native American Center, 206 N. Broadway in Canton, Okla.

The meeting will proposed Head Start building in Canton

The meeting will be held to conduct an environmental assessment for the proposed 7,000 sq. ft. head start building, which will include a parking lot and a playground area.

The construction site is located approximately one

mile northwest of Canton on 15 acres of the Canton Reserve.

This project is under the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Environmental/Energy program and is funded from grants through the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

For more information contact the energy program at (405) 422-7404 or the environmental program at (405) 422-7650.

Department of Justice proposes legislation to combat domestic violence

By Felicia Fonseca, Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) The U.S. Department of Justice has outlined a legislative proposal that would stiffen federal sentences for certain domestic violence crimes in Indian Country and expand tribes’ authority over non-Indians.

The agency is proposing fixes that it hopes Congress will consider in reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act.

Justice Department officials say crimes against American Indian women have reached epidemic rates. According to agency statistics, one-third of Indian

women will be raped in their lifetime and nearly three out of five women have been assaulted by their partner.

Justice officials want to expand the types of crimes over which the federal government has jurisdiction on Indian reservations. They say doing so would bring sentences for those crimes more in line with those faced by defendants in state courts who commit the same offenses.

The department also is seeking to let tribal courts enforce protection orders against non-Indians.

Methamphetamine and suicide prevention initiative

With suicide attempts and successful attempts growing, and the rise of the usage of methamphetamine, the Indian Health Services in conjunction with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes are starting a new program to help educate our surrounding communities.

The MSPI is a grant that is funded by the Indian Health Service.

We will use evidence-based practice when working with the community. A goal is to reduce the incidence of methamphetamine abuse within the tribal areas.

Another aspect that we will focus on is suicide prevention and to reduce the incidence of suicidal ideations (thoughts) and attempts in the tribal area. We will do this by educating the public on the warning signs of

suicide and how to react in a crisis situation. We will also be gathering a lot of data on these two subjects. Any data that you may be willing to share would be of great help.

My name is Melissa Huber, M.Ed. I have worked as a counselor at the George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center in Clinton, Okla. for the tribes for three years before taking this position.

My overall goal is to provide services or referrals to those people in our tribal service area that may need them in regards to methamphetamine use or suicidal attempts or thoughts.

If there are any questions you may contact me at the George Hawkins Treatment Center, (405) 331-2370 ext 32377 or by email mhuber@c-a-tribes.org.

Winning the future for Native American youth

By Charlie Galbraith

The White House Office of Public Engagement has launched the Native American Youth Challenge program.

In a video message, President Obama announced the challenge at the 2011 UNITY Youth Conference, calling for young American Indian and Alaska Native leaders to submit their stories of leadership and service in their communities. President Obama has challenged us all to help win the future by out-educating, out-innovating, and out-building our competitors in the 21st century.

Are you doing extraordinary things to make a difference for your tribe, village or community? Take the Native American Youth Challenge. We want to hear your stories and a group of exceptional Native youth community leaders will be invited to the White House this fall in conjunction with the activities of Native American heritage month. We will also consider your stories of leadership and service as we feature individuals on the White House website. Tell us your story. Everyone has a story to tell and a part to play.

Requirements are be between the ages of 13-25. Stories need to be a maximum of 250 words. All submissions must be received by September 30, 2011 Submissions may be about yourself or another leader in your community, however all

submissions must be written by people age 25 or younger. The stories submitted will be considered and evaluated based on a demonstrated record of service to one’s tribe, nation, village, or community. Young leaders who have sought to improve their communities are encouraged to submit stories in one or more of the following areas of education, mentorship or after school programs, sports, nutrition, substance and alcohol abuse prevention, health and wellness, including youth suicide prevention, building healthy relationships and peer relationships, cultural preservation and Native languages, anti-bullying and personal empowerment, self expression through arts and crafts, emerging leadership in government service and economic and community development.

Any individuals invited to the White House will be responsible for obtaining their own travel and lodging.

Your submissions should include a description of the leadership or community activity, the number of people involved or impacted, key examples of success, and barriers or challenges for the leadership efforts and how they were overcome.

Submit your stories at www.whitehouse.gov/nativeamericans/take-native-american-youth-challenge.

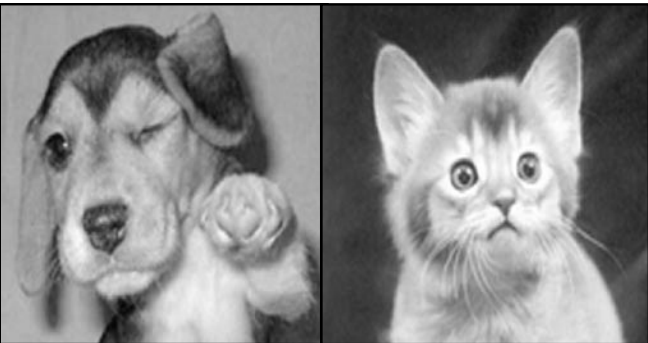
Native Americans save money on vehicles

ASEDA Fleet announced that it is offering a special vehicle purchase plan for all Tribal Nation members resulting in savings of as much as \$2 thousand to \$5 thousand per purchased vehicle.

The new plan requires the purchase or lease of a minimum of five vehicles by each Tribe in order to qualify for the exclusive Tribal discounts & incentive rebate program. ASEDA Fleet will work with any recognized Tribe that meets this requirement to sell and/or lease any vehicle for both the Tribe and, in some instances, for their Tribal leaders and members too.

ASEDA Fleet, owned and operated by the Absentee Shawnee Economic Development Authority (ASEDA) of Oklahoma, joined with a national fleet firm in order to offer the vehicle savings plan. The company is 100 percent Native American owned enabling Tribal Nations to support their Native-to-Native interests and secure quality vehicles at money-saving prices too. ASEDA Fleet provides competitive pricing on all makes of SUVs, cars and trucks as well as specialty vehicles like police cars, waste trucks, green vehicles, even hospital ambulances.

For additional information, Tribes can call or email ASEDA Fleet’s Tribal fleet office at (405) 878-6782.



Humane society offers services to low income families

The Oklahoma Humane Society has opened a high quality, low cost spay and neuter clinic for low-income families located at 4522 N.W. 16th Street in Oklahoma City.

The clinic offers affordable sterilization surgeries, vaccinations, de-worming, flea and tick treatments and other vet services to families that otherwise would not be able to afford these services for their pets.

There are several benefits for families with children to

have their pets spayed and neutered. The animals tend to bite less and are less aggressive and also de-worming your pets will ensure your children do not come in contact with them. Ninety percent of puppies and kittens are born with intestinal parasites that can be transmitted to small children.

The clinic is holding several specials in the month of August and will be spaying adult cats for \$10.

For more information call (405) 947-SPAY (7729).

The Domestic Violence program services Canadian, Kingfisher, Blaine, Dewey, Custer, Washita, Beckham and Roger Mills counties.

Women Are Sacred

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Domestic Violence Program provides **Counseling** for Native American women, including the elderly, who have been involved in domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking.

Advocacy in obtaining victim’s protective orders and referrals to agencies that may be of assistance to them.

Support for clients and their families while in crisis.

For more information or help call
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This project is supported by Grant No.2209-TW-AX-0039 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice

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Native all-star game encourage brighter paths

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Courtesy photo
Steve Cardwell consults with one of the coaches during the annual Jim Thorpe Football game in Denton, Texas.

The annual Native All-Star Football game played on July 9, 2011 was renamed in Jim Thorpe’s honor. Roughly 60 high school players from more than a dozen tribes traveled to the University of North Texas near Dallas to compete. Thorpe, one of the greatest athletes of the 20th century, was Sac and Fox from Oklahoma. His Indian name, Wa-tho-huck, means Bright Path, and organizers hope the game will encourage Native youths to find their own bright paths.

Although the all-star game is entering its tenth year of existence, a new charity called Native Revision is running the event for the first time. Steve Cardwell, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, and his volunteers are working to make the game into a major national event, the crowning achievement of Native players’ high school careers.

Cardwell renamed the game (now called the Jim Thorpe Native All-Star Football Game) after Thorpe’s family contacted him. “Bill and Jack Thorpe said their dad had always dreamed of an organization like Native Revision,” he says. “They always wanted to do it as a non-profit to honor him, so they asked me if I would honor their dad and use his name.”

Jim Thorpe lived from 1887 to 1953. He led Carlisle Indian School to victories over Harvard and other elite universities in various collegiate sports (from football to ballroom dancing). At the 1912 Olympics in Sweden, he won gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon. Afterward, the King of Sweden shook Thorpe’s hand and declared, “You, sir, are the greatest athlete in the world.” After legendary careers in professional baseball and football, Jim Thorpe’s imposing physique adorned Wheaties cereal boxes, and he was among the first players inducted in the National Football League Hall of Fame. Former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower once played against Thorpe, and 40 years later said, “no other athlete possessed his all-around abilities.”

“No role model could be more appropriate for today’s native youth,” says Cardwell, who adds that the Native Revision program is dedicated to promoting athleticism among Native people. He also wants to draw attention to the exemplary modern athletes in Indian country today. “Athletics will

teach discipline and hard work,” he says. “When you’re in that mode, you’re not going to want to go party and stay out late. Athletics helps us to make better choices, whatever sport you play.

“It’s a different culture today, but football’s still the same game, and so is baseball and basketball,” Cardwell said. “Technology will never change the fact that you have to work hard to be a good athlete. You still have to get up and run, lift weights and eat right.”

The all-star game is open to graduating seniors with tribal enrollment cards from any federally recognized tribe in the United States or Canada. The event began in 2002 in Lawrence, Kansas as a recruiting tool for the football team at Haskell Indian Nations University.

Cardwell and his company, Brenco Industrial Services, a green energy and construction business, started sponsoring the game in 2009, after he met Cody Wilson, Choctaw, a coach from Oklahoma, for the event. They were talking football, the all-star game came up, and Wilson asked if Cardwell wanted to help. ““Absolutely, I told him,” Cardwell says. “I’d never heard of this game, so I wanted to go, especially if I’m writing the check. Then, my wife and I went up there and the rest is history.”

After watching a game in Pullman, Washington (at Washington State University), he says he was astounded by the caliber of talent and the dedication of the families of players who paid their own travel expenses to car-pool across the country. “It was a hard-hitting football game, they were moving the ball up and down the field, there were helmets flying, and between plays they were playing powwow music, and for a native American, it was just the most amazing thing I’d ever seen,” he recalls.

His only disappointment was the crowd, only 50 or so spectators were in the bleachers. Cardwell vowed to generate more recognition for the young athletes.

In 2010, the Native All-Stars went to Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., and Cardwell is optimistic that the game has now found a permanent home in Denton at the University of North Texas. Native Revision hopes to arrange performances by Native musicians and celebrities to help fill the stadium at future all-star games.

Players attend a week of practices before the game. Along with those two-a-days, they meet college recruiters, football scouts and Dallas-area corporations. They also receive a special tour of the Dallas Cowboys stadium. “For almost all of these kids, it will be their first time visiting a Division-I campus, staying in a dorm and getting a taste of what college life is like,” Cardwell says. “That’s why I was adamant to get this at a D-I school, to help inspire them, and the Dallas-Fort Worth area makes a fun trip for the rest of the family, too”

“What’s really cool about these kids is that they have such clear goals and initiative,” Wilson says. “Otherwise, they wouldn’t go out of their way dedicate themselves so much.” He estimates than 80-90 percent of the players will attend college, and maybe

half will play college football.

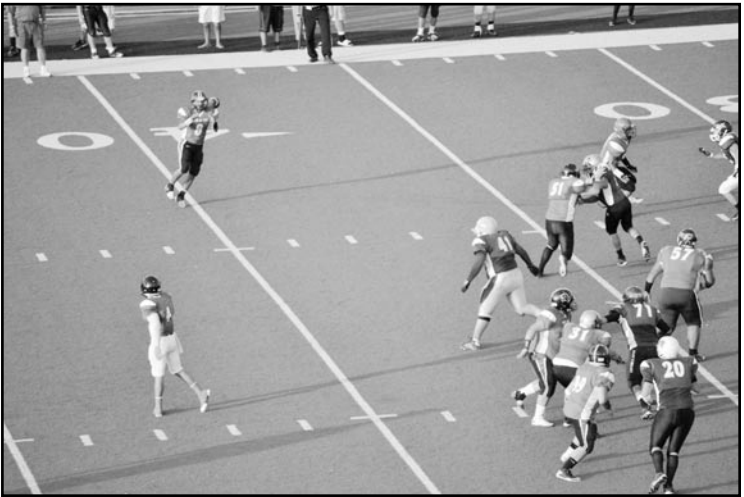
Cardwell believes athleticism is fundamental to traditional Native identity. The stickball games popular with many tribes are just one historic example, though Native athleticism goes deeper than sport. “When our ancestors were living off the land, there was a lot of physical fitness involved,” Cardwell says. “A lot of us have gotten away from that. You certainly couldn’t have lived in the old days and been a weak person. There was a lot of endurance and physical fitness required to survive.”

In addition to the all-star football game, Native Revision hosted the Jim Thorpe Track Meet in June for the first time at the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It will also host coaching clinics, sporting events and cultural programs throughout the year. It’s a non-profit organization, largely financed by Cardwell’s company, and he would like to attract donors from tribes and other Native businessmen.

He says sports played an important part in his life growing up. It taught him teamwork skills and a strong work ethic, which he applied in the oil fields of western Oklahoma at the early age of 15. He also gained self-confidence through competitive athletics, which helped him achieve entrepreneurial success in establishing Brenco Industrial Services. The company currently has offices in Texas, Arizona and Colorado and was named the American Indian Business of the Year in 2010.

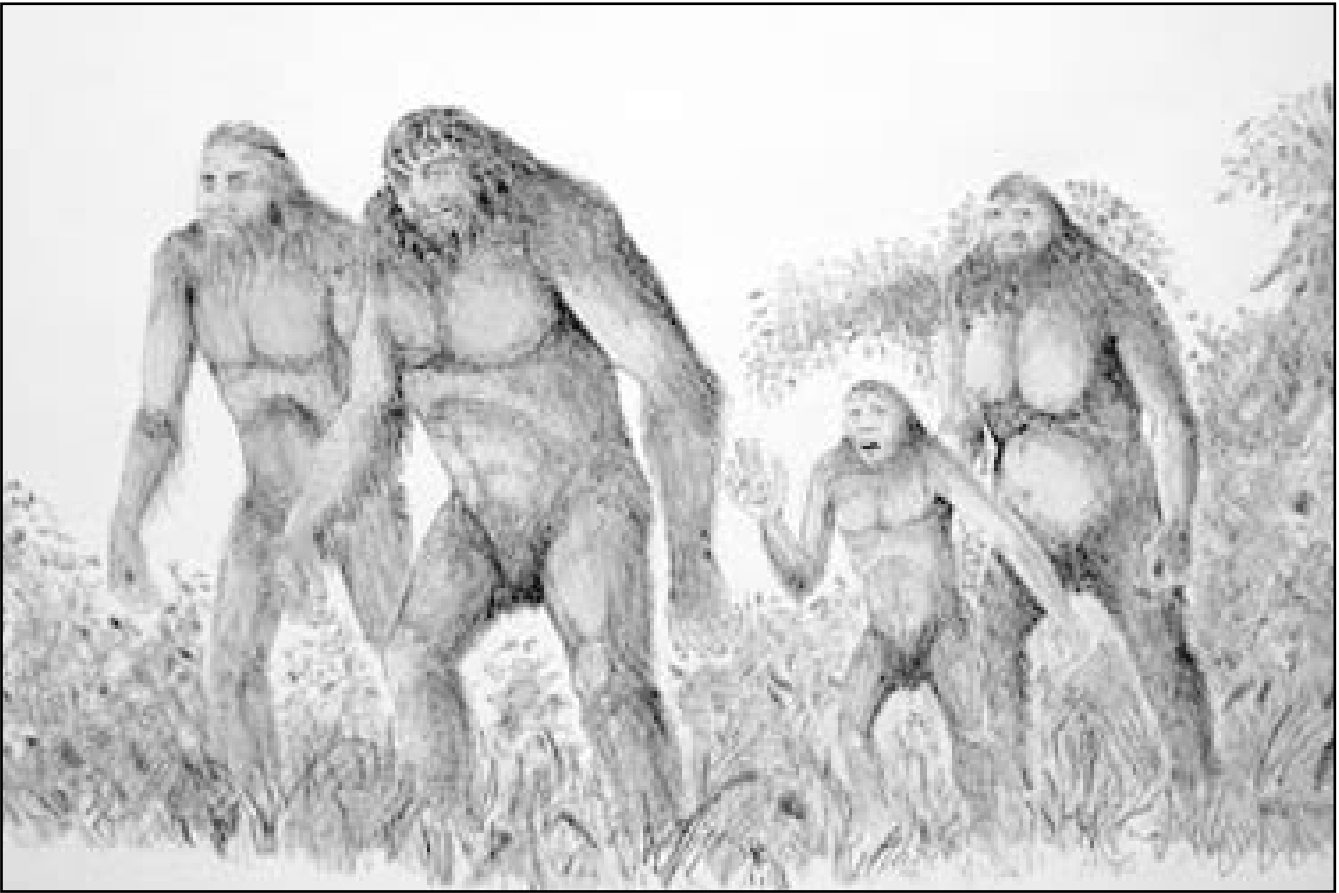
He grew up in a white community in Oklahoma. Many family members struggled with substance abuse. They were poor, and as a young child, he felt like an outcast. “But in school, I found that I was much stronger and faster than a lot of the kids. And while I wasn’t accepted by the white community, when I got into a game and scored a run or touchdown, we were all on the same team.”

He says the cheering fans, and the celebratory dog-piles were fun. Then he realized that sports could provide a forum for changing people’s misconceptions about Native Americans. “We don’t live in teepees, and we’re not all drunks,” he says. “I’m very proud to be a Native American and proud of my accomplishments, and I want the kids to understand they are accepted by the game, whatever game they play.”



THE SEARCH FOR BIGFOOT CONTINUES

Indian Country Today Media Network
By Michelle Tirado



A drawing of a family of Sasquatch by Cheyenne and Arapaho artist, Harvey Pratt.

It has been more than 50 years since the legend of Bigfoot first captured the hearts and imaginations of the American public. It has been more than 50 years of sightings, investigations and debunking. But are we any closer to having proof that can pass scientific muster that this tall, hairy being with gigantic feet exists? No one has the answer to that question, yet some Bigfoot experts have figured out that the best place to get the evidence is in Indian country.

It makes sense. Long before this elusive creature became part of popular American folklore—we’re talking hundreds, if not thousands, of years—his presence had been accepted by North American tribes. Most had a

name for him. The Lakota called him “Chiye-tanká,” the Chippewa, “Djeneta” and the Seminole, “Ssti capcaki.” Then, of course, there is “Sasquatch,” derived from the Salish in the Pacific Northwest. Depending on the tribe, he was regarded as a physical being, as real as any human, or a spirit that often manifested on Earth as a friend, never a foe, to mankind.

David Paulides, executive director of North America Bigfoot Search in Los Gatos, Calif., and author of the book Tribal Bigfoot, says Bigfoot has a firm place in many tribal cultures as “Keeper of the Forest” or “Keeper of the Earth.” “It’s someone that they’ve always revered, respected, admired and at times even

traded with,” he says.

Paulides, a retired police officer, spent two years on the Hoopa Valley Indian Tribe’s reservation to investigate Bigfoot sightings. His work there, published in a book titled The Hoopa Project, entailed talking to hundreds of witnesses, people from three different tribes in the region and people who had to sign affidavits before recounting their experiences. He brought in the best forensic artist he could find—Harvey Pratt (Cheyenne and Arapaho) with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation—who generated what Paulides describes as a “stunning” sketch based on the witnesses’ accounts.

Paulides came away from the Hoopa reservation with the conclusion there was something very real there, not any form of myth. “Everyone we talked to said it was human, and they related it as a type of tribal group. It was someone that they communicated with.”

In search of definitive proof, something at the DNA level, Paulides and his team have collected more than 100 hair, tissue and bone samples over the last three years. The samples have been studied by a group of scientists, and their findings will be presented in a white paper that will be submitted in the coming months to a scientific journal for peer review.

Anyone interested in learning more can head out to the Honobia Bigfoot Festival & Conference, being held in Honobia, Oklahoma, September 30 – October 1. Paulides and Pratt will be there speaking on the Native American-Bigfoot connection.

Most recently the Sanger Paranormal Society presented what they believe is evidence that Bigfoot does exist. The society held a press conference June 23 to reveal an imprint on the window of Jeffrey Gonzalez’s pickup truck. Gonzalez, founder of the Society, was quoted at the conference saying, “Whatever it was, it was oily, greasy dirty because you can see the facial features.”

The Society called in DNA expert Mickey Burrow who could not determine what it was, but likened it most closely to the imprint of an ape.

See More about Bigfoot, page 8

Federal lawsuit filed against Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Submitted article

Prison System Denies Native Americans' Worship Rights

Austin, Texas-The Texas Civil Rights project filed a lawsuit on July 16, 2011 on behalf of Native American prisoners in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's (TDCJ) Michael Unit. TDCJ assigns Native American prisoners to the Michael Unit, but the suit alleges it prohibits them from holding religious ceremonies at the prison.

Before 2009, TDCJ allowed prisoners at the Michael Unit to conduct prayer pipe ceremonies, and smudging purification rituals. (Smudging involves rubbing the smoke from burned herbs, such as sage, on the body before worship.) The prison stopped these practices in May 2009. William Chance, the plaintiff, has been trying to get the ceremonies re-instated ever since.

"All I want is to be able to practice my religious beliefs, like the other religious groups do," said Chance.

TDCJ has designated the Michael Unit as a Native American Religions Practice facility and brings Native

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prisoners from around the state there to make it easier to hold religious services. There are approximately 300 Native American prisoners at the Michael Unit who cannot observe their religious beliefs.

"Smaller religious groups at the Michael Unit still get to worship," said Chance. "I just want the same opportunity."

Scott Medlock, Director of TCRP's Prisoners' Rights Program said Federal law prohibits prisons from banning religious activities unless they disrupt the prison.

"The Michael Unit held ceremonies for years without a problem ... there is no reason for them to ban Mr. Chance from practicing his faith now. It is outrageous TDCJ takes all the Native American prisoners to the Michael Unit and then still won't allow them to worship."

For more information on the lawsuit contact Medlock at (512) 474-5073.

Global Gaming Expo 2011 at the Sands Expo and Convention Center

By Eliz Crane

The Global Gaming Expo 2011 (G2E) is the gaming industry event of the year and its right here in Las Vegas.

This year they are making a few changes. They have a new date and a new venue. The new dates for G2E are October 4th through the 6th. The expo is moving from its previous location at the Las Vegas Convention Center to the Sands Expo and Convention Center.

This year all the exhibits will be on one floor to make it simpler to navigate the exhibit hall. Las Vegas street signs will help make things even easier to get around the show floor. G2E is doing everything possible to make the experience a great one.

Here are a few of the places at G2E for the exhibitors and attendees, the welcome center, networking lounges, Nation Indian Gaming Association Lounge Latin American Casino Networking Lounge and Reception room.

One of the highlights at the Expo is the opening day keynote speaker. Las Vegas' own Penn Jillette, from the famous duo Penn and Jillette will be addressing the crowd. Penn is a magician, comedian, juggler, illusionist, and writer. James J. Murren, the CEO of MGM

Resorts International will be the keynote speaker for Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011.

The special presentations at G2E cover just about anything you can imagine regarding gaming. Conference delegates can partake in the following presentations, Tribal Gaming Roundtable: The Indian Casino of the Future, More than Operations: The Business of Gaming Business, The Real Deal: Understanding Tribal Government Gaming, Casino Math: Doing the Numbers, Managing Casino Operations: An Interactive Workshop, Held to a Different Standard: Land-Based vs. Online Gaming, Certification: What Does it Mean for an Operator and Making the Transition: Morphing Gaming into Hospitality.

For more information on the G2E log onto www.globalgamingexpo.com.





Stone Fruit Preserve

Cooking with USDA Foods

*Recipes furnished by the
Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program*



Jelly made in the microwave?

Try this recipe called Stone Fruit Preserve using peaches, plums, or nectarines. It's a little sweet and a little tart. Makes approximately 2 pints of preserves. 4 cups peaches, peeled and diced (About 2 ½ lbs fruit)

1 ½ cups sugar

3 Tbsp lemon juice

1 pkg (1.75 oz) Sure-Jell powdered fruit pectin

Preparation:

Stir together all ingredients in a 4-qt microwave-safe glass bowl.

Microwave at HIGH 8 minutes (mixture will boil). Stir mixture, then microwave again at HIGH 8-10 minutes or until thickened. (The consistency syrup-like, but will thicken to soft-set preserves after it cools and chills.) Cool mixture completely (about 2 hours). Serve immediately, or cover and chill preserves in an airtight container until ready to serve. Store in refrigerator up to 3 weeks. Unpeeled plums or nectarines may be substituted.

EATING

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*By Lyndsay Seawright, MA, RD/LD
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program*

Breakfast of Champions

We have all heard on numerous occasions that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. From a dietitian's perspective, this is a very true statement. Think of it this way just like you don't wake up in the morning without your alarm clock, your metabolism doesn't wake up without breakfast. The following tips will help to ensure you begin your day on the right foot.

Think protein. When we eat foods that contain protein, we are less likely to be hungry an hour later. This is due to the fact that protein stays in the stomach longer and digests more slowly than other nutrients. Some good options for breakfast with protein include a whole wheat waffle with peanut butter, an apple with some cheese, cereal with low fat milk or yogurt with fresh fruit.

Save pastries for special occasions. There is no reason we can't indulge in our favorite breakfast pastries once in a while, that is! Muffins, croissants, biscuits and cinnamon buns are often full of fat and sugar, which we certainly do not need every morning. However, if you find yourself faced with a pastry dilemma, try choosing a plain cake donut. When compared to other breakfast treats, plain cake donuts had about 200 less calories.

Choose wheat. By simply choosing wheat items versus white items, you will add more fiber to your

breakfast and make it more healthful. Bread, English muffins, waffles, pancakes and many cereals are available in healthier, whole wheat forms.

"Healthy" calories count. Although fruit juice is a great source of vitamins and minerals, it can also be packed with calories. Juice may be a great option for mornings when you are pressed for time or just aren't hungry, but always make sure you read the food label and consume the correct portion size. An 8 ounce class of orange juice contains approximately 80-100 calories.

Take milk down a notch. Milk is a great source of healthy protein and calcium. However, milk can also be a source of hidden calories. If you are consuming whole milk, try 2 percent. If you are already drinking 2 percent, dial down to 1 percent.

Remember, breakfast sets the course for the rest of your day so if you make healthful choices then, your remaining meals are more likely to follow suit. It may be helpful to think of breakfast as an investment in good health, especially since people who eat breakfast regularly are less likely to be overweight than those who do not.

For any questions or concerns regarding nutrition, weight management or diabetes please contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7688.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LIHEAP funds are now available to assist members of any federally recognized tribe who live in the service area to assist with cooling bills.

Applications can be picked up at the Cheyenne Arapaho Social Services office.

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Native American and Veteran Business Conference and Tradeshow

Sept. 13-15, 2011 at the Tulalip Resort Hotel and Convention Center in Tulalip, Wash. For more information and to register visit www.nativeptac.org.

Archives Management Policies and Procedures for Tribal Organizations

Sept. 15-16, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nev. Topics include preserving the historical records. For more information or to register visit [\[mouthinstitute.com\]\(http://mouthinstitute.com\).

The second annual Five Tribes Story Conference

Sept. 16-17, 2011 at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee, Okla. Meet Indian Country's artists, authors, professors and more. For more information visit \[www.fivetribes.org\]\(http://www.fivetribes.org\).

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Sept. 21-23, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nev. To register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 13th annual American Indian Tourism Conference

Sept. 22-14, 2011 at the Radisson Ft. McDowell Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz. To register visit www.aianta.org/aitec2011.

The Southwestern Institute for the Education of Native Americans fifth annual Native American Leadership Today Confer-

ence

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The 2011 American Gaming Association's Global Gaming G2E Expo

Oct. 4-6, 2011 at the Sands Expo and Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nev. For mire information or to register visit www.globalgaming-expo.com or call (203) 840-5626.

If You Knew Sasquatch Like I Know Sasquatch

Indian Country Today Media Network
By Michelle Tirado

The exhaustive and often exhausting hunt for proof continues in Oklahoma

More than a half-century ago, Bigfoot jumped out of the woods and into popular American folklore.

But, despite thousands of encounters and sightings, no one has yet obtained indisputable scientific proof that this elusive and seemingly gentle giant exists.

The hunt for that evidence often brings investigators into Indian country, which is the perfect place to look for this creature, because Indian tribes have a relationship with the biped that goes back centuries.

David Paulides, executive director of North America Bigfoot Search, is looking for proof of Bigfoot and he says only DNA will do. Paulides, who has almost 20 years of experience in law enforcement, says his search has taken him to tribal communities across the country.

As chronicled in his book, *The Hoopa Project* Paulides and his team spent two years on the Hoopa Reservation in California, an area chosen for its large number of sightings, interviewing hundreds of Natives from three tribes, people who have had encounters with the Sasquatch and signed affidavits before telling their stories. In his quest for definitive proof, something at the DNA level, Paulides and his team collected more than 100 hair, tissue and bone samples over the past three years. These samples have been studied by a group of scientists, and their findings will be presented in a white paper that will be submitted in the coming months to a scientific journal for peer review.

For The Hoopa Project, Paulides brought in police forensic artist, painter and Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member, Harvey Pratt, to create drawings of Bigfoot based on the accounts of eyewitnesses.

Pete Buffalohead, Ponca, does not need any scientifically verified evidence to convince him that Bigfoot exists. He says he has all the proof that he needs more than 15 personal encounters and sightings in just the last year and a half. He is more interested in researching the Ponca tribe's beliefs and stories, educating tribal members and nurturing his personal ties with the Sasquatch.

Indian Country Today Media Network recently spoke with the three men about the pursuit of Bigfoot.

What has been the biggest challenge in your quest?

Paulides: I suppose the hardest thing for me has been dealing with the science aspect of the project, in that we have enough specimens-but extracting the DNA from the specimens has been an enormously difficult job. The DNA has not acted like any other DNA people have worked with, and, because of that, a project that as estimated to take us four to six months has taken almost three years.

Is Bigfoot accepted and freely talked about in your community or is it forbidden?

Pratt: These creatures are accepted in kind of a non-official way. They have always been among us as far as I can tell here in Oklahoma ... There is a fella, a Cheyenne man, who

lives in Concho. His name is Red Bird. He puts food out for them, and he says he sees them all the time.

Buffalohead: It is about half and half. I would say people my age 40, and younger freely talk about it. The elders really don't talk about him ... They were told, and we were told when we were growing up." If you see them, go the opposite way. They are bad. They can hurt you."

As a youth, what stories were you told about this being?

Pratt: They never called him "Bigfoot." They referred to them as "ghosts." Arapaho's call them "medicine keepers." They showed Arapahos certain herbs and things they could use and gave them medicines a long time ago.

Harvey, when you were approached to do forensic drawings for The Hoopa Project, were you apprehensive or did you embrace the challenge?

Pratt: I was a little apprehensive because my initial impression was that I was going to be drawing the same thing all the time that it was going to be ape-like. If you look at The Hoopa Project, you will see a lot of the drawings are not ape-like. They are more like humans.

When Bigfoot hunters come to your community, are they respectful of the tribe's historical and sacred humans?

Buffalohead: We have had two teams come in. Once was back in the mid 1990's. That was BFRO (Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization). They started out okay, but by the end of their little excursion were very rude, would not listen to the elders. They were told not to bring side-arms into the area, but they did. They had a sighting and were trying to shoot it. Our police force escorted them off the reservation and they were told never come back. We had a second group out here that was really respectful.

What about the hoaxers?

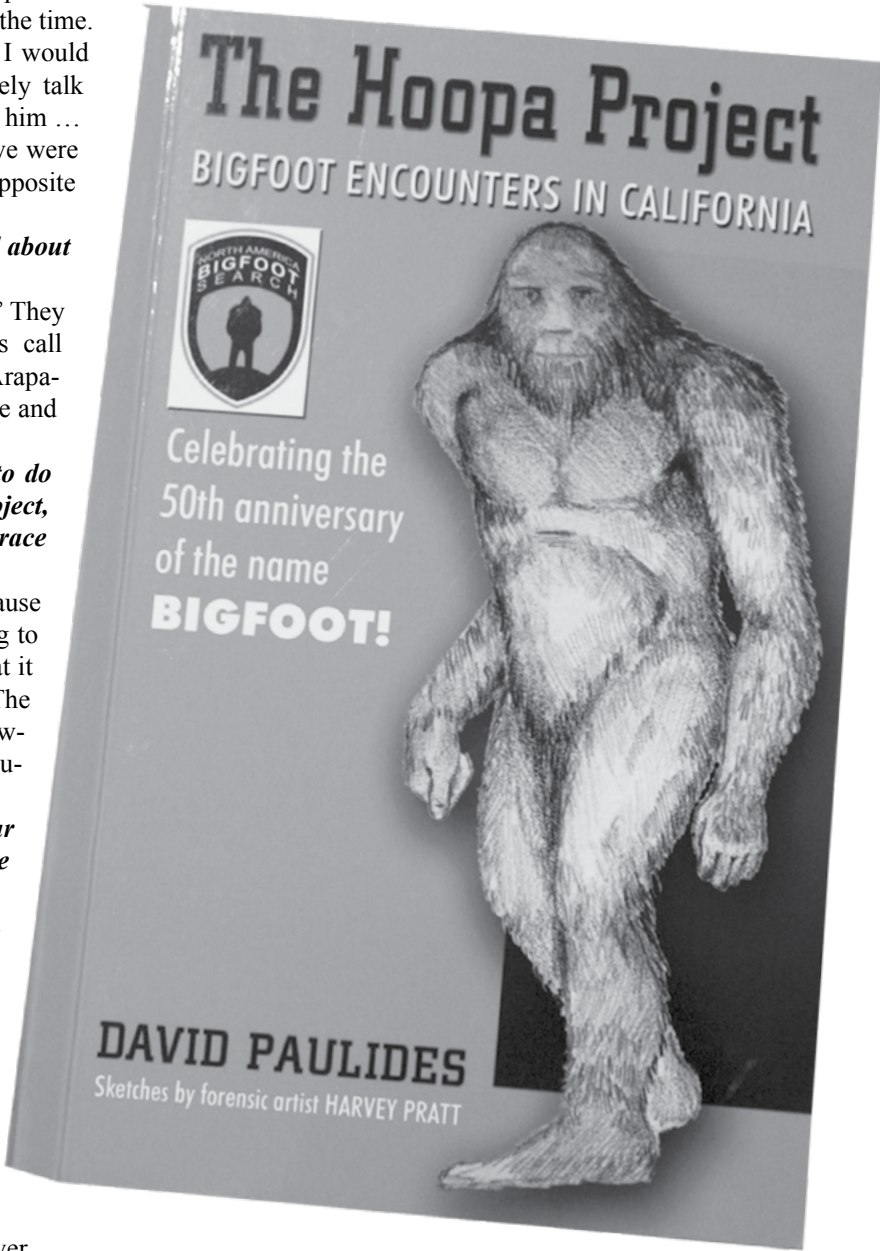
Paulides: They are only an impediment in the sense that they throw a series of screens between reality and the public.

The scientists you have submitted your evidence to have composed a white paper, which has not been published yet. Can you give us a clue about their findings?

Paulides: Everybody involved in this project is under a non-disclosure agreement. We won't talk about the results until the white paper has been published.

Are you a believer?

Pratt: I think there is something there. I don't know how



they do what they do and how they can escape us ... it is a puzzle to me. Are they shape-changers? You hear people talk about portals, where they can enter into another dimension and travel great distances in a short time.

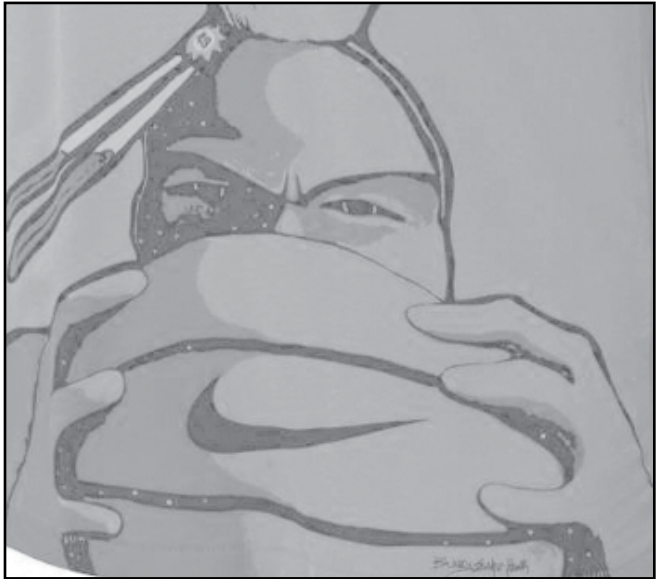
Do you hope Bigfoot's existence is proven?

Buffalohead: I don't need that. I mean, if we want to see them, we just go down to the timbers and have run-ins with them. Our tribe grew up with them.

Honobia Bigfoot Festival & Conference will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2011 in Honobia, Okla.

Paulides and Pratt will be speaking on the Native American Bigfoot Connection.

Nike N7 collection featuring designs



Bunky Echo-Hawk, of the Pawnee Nation in Oklahoma and Yakama Nation in Washington, is a graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts who is focused on fine art, graphic design, photography, creative writing, traditional singing and dancing, community outreach and a unique style of "live art" aimed at merging his traditional values with art for greater purpose.

Echo-Hawk's design for the Nike N7 collection T-shirts focuses on the traditional native warrior holding a basketball in a strike pose, embodying his belief, and interpretation of Nike N7, that there is a warrior within every athlete. Echo-Hawk portrays the warrior with an eagle feather standing straight up within a roach head dress, and scalp feathers positioned to the side of his head. The warrior is positioned in the basketball triple threat stance, which readies the athlete for any move he or she needs to make next--shoot, pass or dribble. Celestial stars embrace the warrior in the design, providing a connection to the earth. The T-shirts designed by Echo-Hawk are made with organic cotton and will be available in challenge red and dark grey heather for women and challenge red and dark turquoise for men.

"Basketball was a big part of my life growing up. It was my first sport, and I was obsessed with it, getting as far as starting varsity point guard in high school. The

By Bunky Echo-Hawk

connection between sport and traditional Native values has always interested me, so I was inspired to make a larger statement through my art when I learned about the work of Nike through the N7 program," Echo-Hawk said.

"I'm excited about Nike N7's partnership with Bunky Echo-Hawk on our latest N7 collection. Through his inspiration and interpretation of Nike N7, we've created something incredibly unique that not only reflects Native culture, but also invites conversation so that others can learn more about Nike N7 and our commitment to create access to sport to youth in Native American and Aboriginal communities,"said Sam McCracken, General Manager of Nike N7

The Nike N7 collection is an important part of Nike's overall commitment to inspire Native American and Aboriginal communities, with a focus on youth, to lead physically active lives as a means to create positive change. The collection includes performance footwear for the general consumer and is designed with the environment and the future of these communities in mind. The collection is designed with cues from Native American culture and embodies Nike's Considered Design ethos. The intent of the collection is to raise awareness beyond Native American and Aboriginal communities for the N7 Program and the N7 Fund. This is the first time Nike has collaborated with an artist for the Nike N7 collection and it is the fourth release of product for the Nike N7 collection since it launched in November 2009.

The Bunky Echo-Hawk T-Shirts for the Nike N7 Collection, as well as the Nike N7 Logo Tee, the Nike N7 Money Short, the Nike Air Pegasus+ 28 (for men, women, kids) and the Nike N7 Air Max Destiny basketball shoe, will be available beginning July 28 at select Nike retail locations in the U.S. and at www.nikestore.com.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Prizes

7/3 Roster

Balls Will Be Provided

\$125.00 Entry Fee

Deadline is August 19, 2011

For any other details or questions contact the following:

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In Memorium

Nannie Esther Lamebull
March 20, 1920
July 30, 2011
Wake services were held Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.
Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 5 at the Concho Community Center followed by an Interment at Kingfisher Cemetery in Kingfisher, Okla.

Vernon Magpie
Jan. 23, 1936
July 30, 2011
An all night wake service was held Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011 at the Weatherford Indian Baptist Church in Weatherford, Okla.
Funeral services were held on Friday, Aug. 5, 2011 with an interment at the Colony Indian Cemetery in Colony, Okla.

Orlando Henry Waters
May 31, 1975
Aug. 5, 2011
Wake services were held Monday, Aug. 8, 2011 at the Koinonia Mennonite Church in Clinton, Okla.
Funeral services were held Tuesday, Aug. 9 at the Koinonia Mennonite Church followed by an Interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery.

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday!!
You are an amazing and beautiful Mom and Wife!!!
Thank you, for all that you do for us!!
Love- Kynadee, Lauren, Ryan, Kyle, Caleb, Dylan, Pork Chop, and Your Husband!!!



Happy 3rd Birthday
Aug. 12
Isaiah Nakota HeCrow-Sleeper
Our precious little Lakota boy
“Wanbli Ohidika Ho Waste”
We all love you very much
From your family in OKC.



Happy Birthday
Charity
Hope you have a wonderful day!
Love your family in Oklahoma!



Seth: How do you get a Kleenex to dance?
Efrain: I don't know son, how?
Seth: You put a BOOGIE in it!
Leslie:
Where'd you hear that at?
Seth: Oh, I just made it up.
Efrain and Leslie:
“laugh so hard”
Leslie: That's funnier then the joke!

Seth, Happy 7th Birthday!
We love you so much.
We look forward to the many laughs you have to offer.



Happy Sweet 16 Birthday Becka Mae
May the sun bring you new energies by day, may the moon softly restore you by night, may the rain wash away any worries you may have, may the breeze blow new strength into your being all the days of your life, may you walk gently through the world and know its beauty and yours. Loving you always, momma.
Happy 16th Birthday from your sisters Paige, Payton, and Arionna. Also Duke and the many others who love you.



Happy Birthday Deforest “Mock” Tallbear
Aug. 17
Hero dad
You are my hero, dad
You're my secure foundation.
When I think of you, I'm filled with love and fond appreciation.
You make me feel protected. I'm sheltered by your care. You're always my true friend and dad.
When I need you, you're always there.
You have a place of honor deep within my heart. You've been my superhero, dad.
Right from the very start. Love Margaret, TM and kids
De, Jeannie and kids
Malaina, Cody and kids
Mitchell family and friends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Jeremiah Roque
Aug. 14
Hope you have a good one!
We Love you!

Shelly and the boys.


Happy 21st Birthday
To my daughter
Aug. 8
Happy Birthday and many more, stay out of trouble just because your turning 21!!!!!!
Love, your mother Carol Standingwaaer



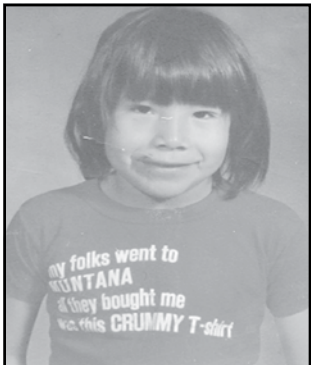
Happy Birthday to my “Baby Daddy”
Tommy Beartrack Jr.
Aug. 13
I hope your 15,703.43 day of life or your 43rd Birthday is great!
I love your guts mucho.
Helen

Happy Birthday
Nana!
Aug. 17

May god continue to bless us with you.
Thanks for always having a big heart. You're simply the best!
Love you always,
xoxo from the Racelis, Howlingbuffalo, Foxe and Chaves families.



Happy 66th Birthday
Aug. 4
We love you dad and grandpa!!



Happy Birthday TM
See how cute you were!!!
Wishing you a great time on your Birthday.
Love your aunties, uncles, and cousins from Montana, South Dakota, Nevada, Idaho, and last but not least Oklahoma.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Jordon Rogue
Aug. 24

We love you!!!!
Mom, Garrett, AJ and Isaiah.



Happy 4th Birthday!!!
Zaina Malia Williams
I Love you ‘Z’!
Can't believe how much you have grown.
You are a beautiful little mama.
Love always, mom



Happy 4th Birthday
Zaina!!!
We love you little “Z”



Isaac, grandma Kathy, Aiyana, Ayden, Amanda, Will, Perry and Renita!

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Happy Belated Birthday

To my handsome son on Aug. 9. “Big 16”
Love mom, sister, family and friends.


HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Amber Rose Dawes Aug. 1
From your family in OKC.



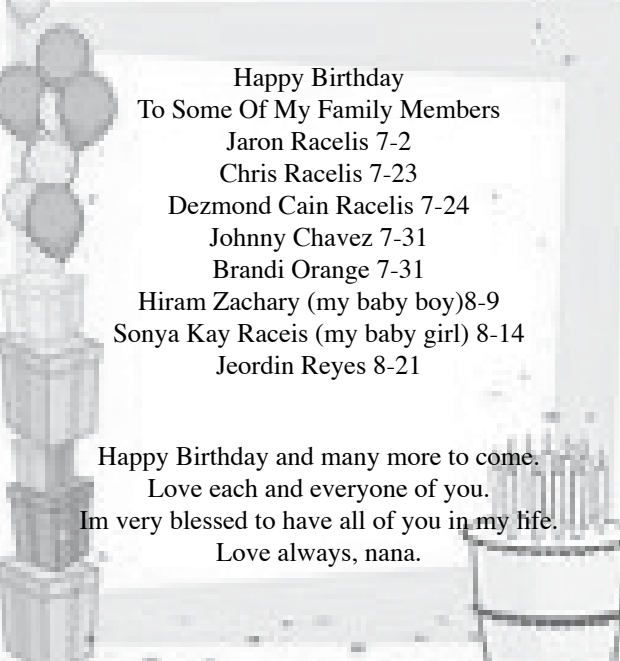
Happy Birthday
Thomas “TM” Fasthorse
Aug. 4

You may not be over the hill yet, but you have a great view!

Love Blaine, Brandy, Baylee, Torence, Margaret, family and friends.



Happy 13th Birthday
Christian Harding Sheridan
Aug. 18
You are such a blessing to me son. I am so happy to be your mom.
I Love you with all my heart baby!
And yes you will always be my baby
No matter how old you are!
Love your guts munchkin.
Mom


Happy Birthday
To Some Of My Family Members
Jaron Racelis 7-2
Chris Racelis 7-23
Dezmond Cain Racelis 7-24
Johnny Chavez 7-31
Brandi Orange 7-31
Hiram Zachary (my baby boy)8-9
Sonya Kay Raceis (my baby girl) 8-14
Jeordin Reyes 8-21

Happy Birthday and many more to come.
Love each and everyone of you.
Im very blessed to have all of you in my life.
Love always, nana.

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune is currently filing an application for non-profit status with the United States Post Office.

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Thank you to all who sent in the form ... we appreciate your help. We still need over 1,000 more to move on to the second phase of the application process!!!

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Teacher Aide Head Start-Clinton Closing Date: Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Ability to work effectively with low-income and special needs children. Ability to function effectively in cross-cultural situations. Ability to use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior, and work cooperatively as a member of a team. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL. Obtain and hold current food handler's card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing.

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QUALIFICATIONS:
Teachers hired after July 1, 1995 are required to be at least 18 years of age. Have a high school diploma or GED certification. Or have completed the tenth grade and be in the process of obtaining a GED for a period not to exceed 12 months. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must pass a physical exam. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Must be physically fit to work daily with children. Must demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development. Must attend staff meetings as well as parent meetings when required. Must submit monthly reports. Must attend workshops. Must have adequate transportation. Must have skills to relate to the community in general. Must pass a criminal background check. Must pass mandatory drug and alcohol test. Willing to work flexible work schedule. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

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Teacher Aide Head Start-Concho Closing Date: Continuous

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SALARY: Negotiable

House Parent Emerg. Youth Shelter Closing Date: Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or G.E.D. required with preference given to post secondary training in the following related fields, child development, nutrition, culinary arts and psychology. One year experience working in situations related to children. Must be able and willing to work alternating shifts on weekends, nights and holidays. Must retain a valid Oklahoma driver's license and have a clean driving record. Must pass criminal record check. Must have a telephone or cell phone at place of residence. Three current letters of references required. Current TB skin test or chest x-ray and pass complete physical examination.

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Transit Drivers II On Call-3 Positions Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
Must possess or be willing to attend training programs to gain CPR and CDL certifications. Must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and subject to random drug testing. Must maintain a clean driving record and may be required to provide a Motor Vehicle Report (MVR). Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. with no physical barriers. Must possess the ability to communicate effectively both orally and written. Must possess high school diploma, possible completion of a commercial driving training program and defensive driving program. Experience may be an acceptable equivalent.

SALARY: Negotiable

Project Director Diabetes Program for Indians Closing Date: Aug. 19, 2011

QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor's degree in nursing or health-related field preferred. Health Education and five years of supervisory experience with demonstrated skills in grant and contract writing, initiative in assuming responsibilities, supervising subordinates, and ability to work cooperatively with professional as well as lay people in the communities. No substitution is allowed for required supervisory experience. Strong writing skills. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal preference. Writing sample required. Must have current valid Oklahoma driver's license

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CHR Reps El Reno, Concho, Calumet, Kingfisher, Watonga area, Thomas, Weatherford, Clinton, Hammon/Elk City Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
Have EMT, medical assistant, CMA or CNA experience. Have current CPR certification. Valid Oklahoma state driver's license and be insurable under the tribes' insurance. Must reside in service area. Must pass a physical and be in good physical condition with proof of TB skin test and other immunizations. Must pass basic CHR and first responder training within one year. Travel required in duties. Must pass OSBI background check. Must have minimum of high school diploma or GED certification. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must be able to work outside of normal working hours as needed. Must be able to utilize computer and email system. Must be able to work under stressful conditions. Must follow Tribal policies and procedures. Must be dependable with regular attendance. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

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Caseworker Assistant Social Services Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
Two-year degree in social work or related field preferred. Requires two years of general work experience in professional related field. Prefer one year of specialized experience directly related to duties. Ability to work with large number of clients daily in busy office setting. Must have a current state driver's license. Ability to work flexible hours including weekends, after 5 p.m. or holidays, if needed. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client department client matters and all other matters. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/American Indian cultures and values.

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Office Aide Crisis Assistance Program Closing Date: Aug. 19, 2011

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification and valid driver's license required. Must be computer literate and have previous experience with data entry. Must be able to follow intricate direction and delegation. Must have initiative and confidence to do extensive data entry with specific software program by showing the ability to ask questions, present ideas and work with little direct supervision. Posses one year of related experience and must have demonstrated knowledge and skills related to general office procedures. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all department client matters and all other matters. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

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Teacher Aide Head Start-Canton Closing Date: Continuous

QUALIFICATIONS:
Highschool diploma or G.E.D. certification and minimum of one year experience working in an early childhood education classroom; or an equivalent combination of training and experience with willingness to obtain additional training and/or obtain additional training/or CDA or state certificate as requested. Ability to work effectively with low-income and special needs children. Ability to function effectively in cross-cultural situations. Ability to use positive approach in directing and redirecting child behavior, and work cooperatively as a member of a team. Current Childhood Emergency/CPA or First Aide/CPR certification or the ability to obtain one and CDL. Obtain and hold current food handler's card or the ability to obtain one. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry and agrees to random drug testing.

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NOTICE

On Aug. 17, 2011 the CHR program will be having in-service training for all staff from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the CHR office located in building one at the Concho Tribal Complex.

On Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 2011 the CHR program will be closed. The program staff will be attending the Oklahoma Area Association CHR Education (OAARCHR) Conference in Tulsa, Okla.

Please call (405) 422-7670 or (405) 422-7672 for any questions.

Dear Editor,

My name is Joshua "Ray" Red Cherries. I am currently serving a 17-month prison sentence here in Deer Lodge, Montana.

There are a few things I am writing to you about. The first thing I would like to say is I am truly sorry to the younger generation for not being the role model I needed to be.

After I got out of prison in 2009 I got back to drinking and doing drugs, was not thinking about the younger generation, but was being selfish. I hope that the younger generation can learn from my mistakes. Prison is not the place to be.

The other thing I would like to write about is I am asking for my fellow tribal members' support and prayers. I go to trial on Sept. 12, 2011. I have made some mistakes in my life and now I am facing 50 years if I lose the trial. As long as I know that there is someone out there beyond these walls and razor wire that actually cares ... that will mean a lot to me. Please keep me in your prayers, as I prepare for trial.

Thank you
Joshua Red Cherries
AO#2086868
700 Conley Lake Road
Deer Lodge, MT 59722

Letter from a "Grateful Granny"

On July 21, 2011 at approximately 2 p.m. in the afternoon, my house burned down and we lost everything. Worldly possessions and memories, but the good Lord spared us our lives and to the Creator we are eternally grateful. No one was hurt or any of our neighbors. We were victims of arson.

I used to always watch television and pray for those who lost their homes in a disaster or folks over seas in Africa and the survivors of the Tsunami. Never did I ever think I would be homeless. I've learned to never take anything for granted and count my blessings.

This letter I'm writing is to thank all those wonderful people in the surrounding community and at my workplace, which is Geary Nursing Home. Special thank you to the American Red Cross and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Crisis Assistance. They were the first on the scene, besides those brave firemen to assist us

in our time of loss.

Many people gathered money for us and prayed that we would be okay spiritually, physically and mentally. When suffering from these disasters it is truly like losing a loved one. You go through many stages of depression, anger and just plain shock. But the key to overpower these circumstances is a lot of faith, family and friends.

For those of you who gave of themselves and their donations, I pray God's richest blessings upon you. May he bless you 100 times over of what my friends and relatives gave to my family and myself. You know who you are and the beautiful part of all of this is God knows who you are.

In closing I hope to one day be able to return the favor or be able to help you in the same way that you all have helped us. One thousand ah-ho's, and Ha-Ho's.

Your friend and sister
Mrs. Sophina Williams and family.

Special announcement to all patients of the Clinton Service Unit

Hours of Operation

To All Patients of the Clinton, Watonga and El Reno Clinics, this is important information about clinic hours at all 3 facilities of the Clinton Service Unit.

This is a reminder that each month the El Reno Indian Health Center will open at 10 am on the second Thursday of each month and the Clinton Indian Health Center will open at 10 am on the third Thursday of each month.

Additionally, in each quarter of the year there is a month that has a fifth Wednesday. On the afternoon only of the fifth Wednesday we will not be accepting any walk-ins

or making any appointments and we will limit our available services at all 3 facilities. The next 5th Wednesday is August 31, 2011. Please remember that services will be limited in the afternoon only on the 5th Wednesday and while we will not be closed, we may not be able to meet all your needs at that time.

These changes to our hours will allow us to conduct trainings and meetings that help the staff stay informed and compliant with state, federal and IHS rules and regulations. This allows us to better serve your needs.

We appreciate your understanding and thank you for being our valued customer.



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2011 SUMMERFEST-Aug. 5-7, 2011 - Concho, Okla.

80TH ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN EXPOSITION



Photo of Desiré Attocknie courtesy of Tom Ware

The 2010-11 American Indian Exposition Princess, Kaitlyn Kodaseet (l) passes the crown to the new 2011-12 princess, Desiré Attocknie.

Kaitlyn Kodaseet, 2010-2011 American Indian Exposition Princess hands over the crown to the new 2011-2012 princess, Desiré Shaina Ida Attocknie.

Desiré won the title Miss American Indian Exposition Princess Saturday, Aug. 6 during the 80th annual American Indian Exposition in Anadarko, Okla.

Desiré is the daughter of Francis J. Attocknie III of Lawton, Okla. and Stacy Whitewing Nahquaddy of Wisconsin.

She represented the Comanche Nation all week long during the exposition and said she really enjoyed meeting new people and being a representative of the Comanche Nation. Desiré will now represent the American Indian Exposition as well as the Comanche Nation from now until next year's event.

Congratulations to Desiré, and she would like to thank everyone for their support.

Happy 10th Anniversary, Lucky Star Clinton!

Celebrate with cash drawings, giveaways and live music!

Win a 2011 Polaris Ranger Crew!
Earn entries August 1-28 with your REWARDSCard.
Grand Prize Giveaway August 28 8:30pm



Big Cash Giveaways August 1-27
One lucky person each day will win the chance to play Plinko or money machine for a chance at **\$2,500!**



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August 26 Concert Under the Stars
Doors Open 7pm Concert 8pm
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